

EMSAC / Drug Shortage Committee Conf. Call
February 26, 2013

The meeting began at 2:00 with a roll call. The following members were present:

- Chairman Cory Richter
 - Charles E. Moreland, Ed.D.
 - Joe Nelson, M.D.
 - Kathy Schrank MD
 - John McPherson, M.D.
 - Kathy Schrank, M.D.
 - Mark Whitten, Board of Pharmacy
 - Jennifer Thompson
 - Dave Dyal
 - Michele S. Weizer, Pharm D
 - Dan Harshburger
 - Jaime Caldwell
 - Alan Skavroneck
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- * Chairman Richter presented to everyone information on the FDA's, drug shortage strategic plan. He encouraged everyone to make comments.
 - * Dr. Kathy Schrank stated that she and several others from Florida represented the EMS State of the Science meeting in Dallas. In regards to drug shortage she stated that in Texas, they are using compounding pharmacies. In Utah, the decision was made by the statewide governing council to continue using the drugs after the label date. In Nevada, they are utilizing drugs six months past the expiration date. She stated that at the national level, predictions are that the shortage will continue for at least five years

She then commented that in the medical directors meeting, 1/3rd of the doctors stated that they were using the drugs past the expiration date.

- * General discussion was then held on using drugs past the expiration dates.
- * Variances and substitutions were discussed. Roy Pippin stated that the Department of Health has only received seven variances. Some of the variances requested were requesting to use medications that were not required by rule.
- * Rule changes were then suggested and discussed.
- * Dr. Nelson then informed everyone that the Governing Accounting Office is producing a report on how the shortage is affecting EMS as a whole nationwide. Dr. Nelson will be forwarding the committee the survey results that the Florida has produced.
- * Chairman Richter stated that suggested rule change language be reviewed and brought forward to the department.

After calling for any further business, and there being none, Chairperson Richter called for the meeting to be adjourned.

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